

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 15, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 2(a) and 2(b) ~~are~~ is-sectional views showing a sensor SS attached to side wall of a casing 140 of the ink cartridge 100;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 10, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 8(a) and 8(b) ~~show~~-shows a variation in applied voltage (potential difference from the grounding potential) of a piezoelectric element PZT;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 16, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 10(a) and 10(b) ~~show~~-shows generation of voltage in the piezoelectric element PZT in response to discharge of the piezoelectric element PZT;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 19, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 11(a) and 11(b) ~~show~~-shows generation of voltage in the piezoelectric element PZT in response to discharge of the piezoelectric element PZT;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 2, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 12(a) and 12(b) show~~shows~~ the details of a discharge characteristic setting process executed in the embodiment of the invention;--